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**RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE,
INCLUDING COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The claims discussed in the Interview are set forth in the Examiner's Amendment. No prior art was cited. The principal proposed amendments are also set forth in the Examiner's amendment.

The substance of the interview had to do particularly with reciting claim language as also set forth in the Examiner's amendment. The Examiner particularly was looking for what she believed to be more consistent use of words in the claims.

It is not believed that the claim changes are of a patentable nature, and are simply for movement of the prosecution forward.

Applicant has agrees to these changes.

Further, applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication as to the allowance of the present application.

However, applicants respectfully submit the Statements of Reasons for Allowance are, in and of themselves, inappropriate. It is noted that the reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "The record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims." (37 CFR §1.104(e)(2001)). In the present case, applicants believe the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and, therefore, no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, the applicants do not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance.

Specifically, it has been indicated that the claims are allowed by importing interpretations into the claims in relation to the prior art that results in a potential imprecise and/or inaccurate understanding of the reasons. This places an unwarranted interpretation upon the claims. Such a characterization of the claims does not properly take into account applicants' claimed invention as reflected in the specification and the applicants' responses to the Examiner's office actions.

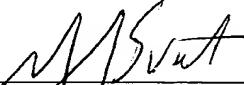
Therefore, while applicants believe the claims are allowable, applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in only the features, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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